



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics March 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 5,043 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in March 2006, down 500 (-9.0%) from the 5,543 initial claims filed in March 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (662) sector filed the greatest number of claims during the month. This sector accounted for over thirteen percent of the initial claims this month. In comparison, the Construction sector accounted for just over five percent of the state's total employment. This sector was followed closely by the employees of the Manufacturing (653) sector. The Accommodation & Food Services sector ranked third with 444 initial claims. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Retail Trade (396) sector.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (733), Production (662), Management (409), and Food Preparation & Serving Related (407), occupations filed the most initial claims accounting for more than forty percent of the monthly total. The Construction & Extraction (399), Transportation & Material Moving (359), and Sales & Related (342) occupations also had significant claims filed against them this month.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
	5,043	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	10	0.2%
Mining	10	0.2%
Utilities	0	0.0%
Construction	662	13.1%
Manufacturing	653	12.9%
Wholesale Trade	141	2.8%
Retail Trade	396	7.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	114	2.3%
Information	88	1.7%
Finance & Insurance	247	4.9%
Real Estate	69	1.4%
Professional & Tech. Services	144	2.9%
Management of Companies	15	0.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	362	7.2%
Educational Services	67	1.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	378	7.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	76	1.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	444	8.8%
Other Services	135	2.7%
Public Administration	23	0.5%
Information Not Available	1,009	20.0%

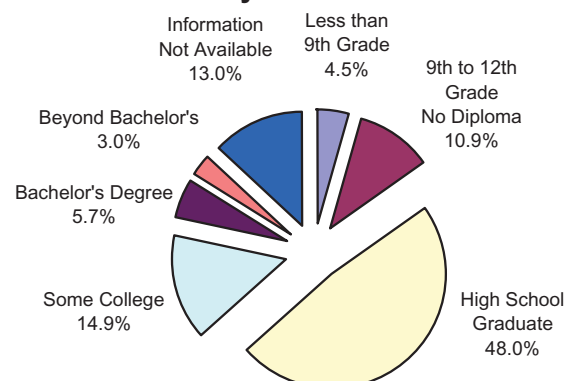
Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
	5,043	100%
Management	409	8.1%
Business & Financial Operations	164	3.3%
Computer & Mathematical	45	0.9%
Architecture & Engineering	40	0.8%
Life, Physical & Social Science	21	0.4%
Community & Social Services	44	0.9%
Legal	18	0.4%
Education, Training & Library	48	1.0%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	76	1.5%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	83	1.6%
Healthcare Support	156	3.1%
Protective Service	46	0.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	407	8.1%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	90	1.8%
Personal Care & Service	65	1.3%
Sales & Related	342	6.8%
Office & Administrative Support	733	14.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	12	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	399	7.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	178	3.5%
Production	662	13.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	359	7.1%
Military Specific	11	0.2%
Information Not Available	635	12.6%

Men filed fifty-five percent of the March claims whereas women filed forty-five percent. Carpenters, Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer and Construction Laborers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. Cashiers, Customer Service Representatives, Nursing Aides, Orderlies and Attendants are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-eight percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-four percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with six percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Fifteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

* 2004 Annual Average Covered Employment.